In accordance with tii$_e$ articles of agreement of IMF the valus of Indian rupees held by IMF is required to be maintained in terms of SDRs am is revalued every year on 30fa April on the basis of Rupee —SDR parity rate on that date. Additional rupees required to be paid to IMF for thi$_s$ purpose are Kept with RBI in the form of non-negcliable and nou-inte-rest bearing securitie' which does not involve any cash outj o.

Repayments to IM of the above mentioned EFF borrowing are made 'n the form of repurchase of Indian rupees in return for SDR$_S$ or other foreign currencies specified by IM ' at the exchange rate prevailing on th date of repurchase. The Indian rupees re purchased are debited to IMF account wi h RBI and credited to Government acc< unt.

Upto 30th June, 987, *v/i* have repaid to IMF, SDR 687 25 million (equivalent to Rs. 979.54 crores). The outstanding balance anount to be repaid is SDR 3212.75 milli $_{.n}$ (equivalent to Rs. 5304.25 crores *t* the current Rupee— SDR parity rate). The repayments are scheduled to be co iipleted on 29th April 1994

LOAN FROM TR 1ST FUND

India had taken a loan of SDR 529.1 million (equivalen* to Rs. 537.51 crores at the then preval ing rate) from Trust Fund administered by IMF in August 1980. Upto 30th June, 1987 w$_e$ have repaid an amount >*t* SDR 157.638 million (equivalent to Rs. 241.08 crores) and the balance amount < f SDR 371.371 million (equivalent to R: 612.32 crores at the current SDR—Ri nee parity rate) is to be repaid upto 1-th August, 1990.

Science and technology tfo$_r$ wome$_n$ Scheme

2045. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Wi I the PRIME MINIS-TER be pleased to state;

(a) what is h$_e$ number of women benefited by th Science and Technology for Women Scheme in Kerala, Tamil' Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what is the number and other details of the new projects approved by the Experts Committee under the saW schem$_e$ and the amount sanctioned for this scheme in 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) About 4,000 women have benefited by the scheme Science and Technology for women in the states of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh through demonstration and training programmes,

(b) During the year 1986-87, 20 new projects were approved by the Expert Committee on Science and Technology for women and sanctioned. The financial outlay was Rs, 40 lakhs for the year 1986-87. The approved projects are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Delhi, Maharashtra and West Bengal and cover areas such as: research and development on agricultural tools to be operated by women, entrepreneurship development for economically backward women; studies on non-conventional fuels; transfer of new developments in science and technology; training of girls to make educational kits for Anganwadi and Balwadi children; training for women IQ make cocoa products; eco-development camps; development of fish-feed; programmes related to prevention and treatment of fluorosis; income generating activities for women of Garhwal region; training $_0$f rural women in cultivation of medicinal plants; training of women as rural health workers; dry-land farming and tasar silk production. A coordinated programme on water management, health and sanitation was also initiated.